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DOI Waiver Letter In ERU File

The Honorable
J. A. Krug
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The services rendered to the several agencies of the Federal Government by the Board on Geographical Names are particularly pertinent to the name problems arising within the intelligence agencies of the State, War and Navy Departments and the Central Intelligence Group.

The promulgation by the Board of a comprehensive planned program for solution to the foreign name problem would immeasurably facilitate the interchangeability of intelligence information and the standardization of intelligence geographic indexing techniques.

Informal contact with the Board has revealed that its Chinese Group is available to work on a CIG project involving approximately twelve weeks work and an estimated project cost of approximately [redacted]

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In view of the foregoing it is requested that:

- a. The Board undertake the accomplishment of the substantive research required to standardize and arrange in suitable form for intelligence machine records indexing purposes, the Chinese names included in its Master Files.
- b. These files be made available to CIG for inclusion in its central indexing system at such time as this office is prepared to receive them.

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- c. The Board submit to this Office a breakdown of the project cost based on available experience data in order that final arrangements can be completed for a transfer of funds to the Department of Interior.
- d. The Board accord membership on its Advisory Committee to the Central Intelligence Group

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